



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**

*Susan Esty, Chairman  
Kevin Lane, Vice Chair  
Jim Henderson, Secretary*

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*Star Rueckert  
Bror Ashe  
Nancy Gatta  
Jane Wisialowski*

**OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022; 6:30 PM**

This was a hybrid meeting

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairwoman Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

**Present:** Director Ray Allen; Chairwoman, Susan Esty; Secretary, Jim Henderson; Jane Wisialowski, Nancy Gatta, Star Rueckert

**Absent:** Vice Chair, Kevin Lane; Bror Ashe

2. **Approval of May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – MOTION to accept the May 11th, 2022 minutes was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Gatta. Discussion: Mr. Henderson noted that the discussion on the bicycle pumps was singular as only 1 was ordered. Motion as amended was unanimously approved.

3. **Recognition of Guests** – Ms. Esty welcomed Attorney Ed Casella, John Kadama and Colt Taylor.

4. **Correspondence** – None

5. **Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed the OSPR May, 2022 bills as presented by Director Allen in the amount of \$20,984.35 .

6. **Public Comment** - None

7. **New Business**

**A. Smoke on The Water Discussion**

Colt Taylor presented the Commission with the Smoke on The Water site plan and details of the same. Director Allen noted some concerns that the commission had such as hours of operation; parking; seating and the garbage disposal site. A long discussion ensued. Mr. Taylor attempted to answer all questions for the Commission.

Ms. Esty thanked Mr. Taylor, Attorney Cassella and Mr. Kadama.

**B. Any Other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel –**

Mr. Paradis apprised the commission with an update as follows:

- Posters were distributed for the Summer Concert Series;
- Summer Concert Series goes thru August 24<sup>th</sup>; lead sponsor Old Saybrook Rotary
- Movie Night Sponsor is Little Pub;

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- T-ball wrapping up; lead sponsor Parthenon Diner;
- Little League Season wrapping up;
- Summer Camp:
  - 4 Camps
  - New staff at Camp College at SCSU; end was Team Challenge and Old Saybrook won
  - Empower – Team Training
  - Summer Soft Ball: 6/20
  - New Adult Programs

### 8. Old Business

#### A. All Parks Review – Director Allen reported the following:

- Turned on Irrigation System
- Opened up beaches Memorial Day Week-end
- Harvey's Beach filling up
- Purchased a beach cleaner from Old Lyme
- Painting at Town Beach
- Handicap Access to water
- Signage at Saybrook Point – 4 parking signs on order

Mr. Henderson inquired about lamp posts. A discussion about parking down at Saybrook Point ensued.

#### B. Strategic Plan of Parks Discussion

Director Allen noted that the survey work was completed on Town Park. Ms. Esty noted that the ARPA group was impressed with Director Allen's Power Point presentation.

#### C. The Preserve Update – None

#### D. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel - None

### 9. Reports

#### A. Chairman's Report

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Ms. Esty reported that she spoke on behalf of the Commission at the ARPA meeting regarding the commission's Strategic Plan.

**B. Director's Report** – Director Allen told the commission that 90% of the holes were complete at Disc Golf. There was a discussion about a grand opening and naming the course. One suggestion was "Rob Lemire Disc Golf."

**B. Liaison Reports –**

Ms. Gatta reported she attended a BOE meeting end of June. The light poles were delivered. Installation of electricity and conduit will probably be end of August. She discussed the design of the brick walkway and the ticket booth area in addition to the benches and shrubbery.

Mr. Paradis talked about the Kayak Storage. A proposal was sent to DEEP and Selectman Fortuna.

Ms. Esty thanked the commission and called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. made by J. Wisialowski, seconded by N. Gatta was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**\*NEXT MEETING: JULY 13, 2022\***